

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus having a first image forming unit and a second image forming unit, the first and second image forming units forming images by different methods on a single page, wherein the second image forming unit forms an identifying image and the first image forming unit forms an image different from the identifying image.

2. The image forming apparatus of claim 1, wherein the identifying image identifies an original image to distinguish the original image from copies thereof.

3. The image forming apparatus of claim 1, wherein the identifying image is formed by both the first and second image forming units.

4. The image forming apparatus of claim 1, wherein one of the first image forming unit and the second image forming unit has an impact mechanism for forming images on multiply pressure-sensitive media.

5. The image forming apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one of the first image forming unit and the second image forming unit forms an image differing in color from background parts of the page.

6. The image forming apparatus of claim 5, wherein the first image forming unit and the second image forming unit both form images differing in color from background parts of the page, the first image forming unit using a first coloring agent, the second image forming unit using a second coloring agent different from the first coloring agent.

7. The image forming apparatus of claim 6, wherein the first coloring agent is a toner agent and the second coloring agent is an ink agent.
8. The image forming apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one of the first image forming unit and the second image forming unit has a mechanism that deforms the page.
9. The image forming apparatus of claim 8, wherein said mechanism is an impact mechanism for striking the page.
10. The image forming apparatus of claim 9, wherein the first image forming unit and the second image forming unit form images on mutually reverse sides of the page.
11. The image forming apparatus of claim 9 wherein the page has a first side and a second side, the first image forming unit forms an image on the first side of the page, the image formed by the first image forming unit differing in color from background parts of the first side of the page, and the second image forming unit forms an image on the first side of the page by striking the second side of the page.
- 12 The image forming apparatus of claim 8, wherein said mechanism is a punching mechanism for punching holes in the page.
- 13 The image forming apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first image forming unit is an ink jet printing unit.
- 14 The image forming apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first image forming unit is an electrophotographic printing unit.

15 The image forming apparatus of claim 1, wherein the second image forming unit is a serial impact dot matrix printing unit.

16. The image forming apparatus of claim 1, wherein the second image forming unit forms a fixed image.

17. The image forming apparatus of claim 16, further comprising a receiving unit for receiving first data and a storage unit for storing second data, wherein the first image forming unit forms an image according to the first data and the second image forming unit forms the fixed image according to the second data.

18. The image forming apparatus of claim 1, further comprising rollers for transporting the page through the first image forming unit and then through the second image forming unit.

19. The image forming apparatus of claim 18, wherein the rollers create slack in the page between the first image forming unit and the second image forming unit.